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The Award-Winning Voice of Armstrong Atlantic State University
Week of March 2, 2006



Tennis Teams with no Tennis Courts

AASU double-faults on the tennis program

Mary Culp
Sports Editor

Armstrong Atlantic State University has one of the best tennis programs in the nation.

The women's team is ranked number 1 in division II and the men are ranked number 2.

For 11 straight seasons, both teams have made it to the NCAA Championships, and both teams have earned the Peach Belt Conference regular season and tournament titles making league history as the first time the same school has accomplished this feat.

The women's team was named NCAA Champions in 2005, and the men ranked 2nd.

You may wonder why the tennis teams don't host matches at AASU's ten-court facility on campus. The sad truth is that the courts AASU's national champions use are not fit to play on. Yet, the tennis teams can be found nearly every day of the week practicing on the courts for logistical convenience.

"We are proud to play for our school, and we practice hard every day. Unfortunately, it feels like the school



Sofia Haggstrom

is not proud of us," said senior women's tennis player, Manuela Emmrich.

According to Head Coach of the tennis teams, Simon Earnshaw, there are numerous problems with the courts. There is general

agreement that court number five is a lawsuit waiting to happen due to a large crack that is big enough to trip someone. As facilities director, Charlie Parrish, said, this "court is unplayable; it's unsafe." Incidentally,

there are no markings or barriers to prevent someone from using it.

One other court was said

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Where Mathematicians Come to Play

High school students meet for AASU's math tournament to crunch numbers

Leslie Moses
Staff Writer

Over 400 students gathered to answer the granddaddy problems of math in individual and team competition at Armstrong's 28th annual High School Math Tournament Sat. Feb. 18.

The event involved students from 31 schools. They competed in individual testing and team ciphering followed by a paper airplane contest and an awards presentation.

The tournament gives like-minded lovers of math an opportunity to compete.

"Some kids go and do concerts and musical events and mathematicians come and sit very quietly and take tests," said mathematics department head Dr. Lorrie Hoffman, who helped oversee the event.

Hoffman said the tournament is broken into two sessions: an individual 40-question exam and team problem solving.

For the morning session, students worked individually on the multiple choice exam with calculus I and II questions.

"It was tough," said Colquitt County junior Rebecca Huguet after the exam during the refreshment break in University Hall.

Huguet, an algebra student who has spent many afternoons after school practicing math with her teammates, says that because the test had many trigonometry and calculus questions, she guessed on about 70% of her

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AASU Selects New SGA Members

Amendments to Constitution also on ballot

Chris Nowicki
News Editor

The students of Armstrong Atlantic selected their 2006-2007 Student Government Association and approved the changes to the SGA Constitution.

Erik Reid won the seat of President over Preston Futrell. Reid revived 328 votes to Futrell's 233.

Winning the seat of Vice President was unopposed

Charita Hardy receiving 538 votes.

Incumbent secretary Lai-ken Williams was reelected receiving 219 votes, defeating opponents Kristina York, who received 186 votes, and Keierra Jackson, who received 138 votes.

In the treasurer seat, Will Sherow won receiving 253 votes over Joan-Edge Suarez, who received 152 votes, and Crystal Johnson,

who received 145 votes.

All Declared Major Senator candidates on the ballot were elected. The new senators are Tiffany Nesbit, Ashley Boyer, Nathan Smith, Alex Collins, Tierra Smith, Jeremiah Cameron, Richard Verdree, Calum Crampton,



courtesy Chris Nowicki

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Armstrong Atlantic State University Calendar of Events

Thursday, March 2

2:00p.m.-5:00p.m. Baseball vs. Clafin

2:00p.m.-5:00p.m. Women's Tennis vs. Davidson at Charleston, SC

2:30p.m.-4:00p.m. Melissa Flummerfelt Voice Graduation Recital in Fine Arts Auditorium

5:00p.m.-9:00p.m. Xi O Pi Movie Night in Solms 107

7:00p.m.-10:00p.m. Sci fi/ Fantasy Club in Gamble 101

7:30p.m.-9:00p.m. Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity Spring Informational

8:00p.m.-11:00p.m. University Housing Movie Night in UH 156

Friday, March 3

10:00a.m.-3:00p.m. Facilities Regional Meeting in University Dining Room

12:00p.m.-1:15p.m. Faculty Forum in Solms 110

2:00p.m.-5:00p.m. Men's Tennis vs. Palm Beach at Pirate Tennis Complex

2:30p.m.-4:00p.m. Ditrie Sanchez, Composition Recital

7:00p.m.-9:00p.m. Kappa Alpha Psi Meeting

Saturday, March 4

9:00p.m.-4:00p.m. Savannah Fibers Guild Workshop Fine Arts Room 203

9:30p.m.-3:30p.m. Savannah Art Association Workshop Fine Arts Annex Room 001

2:00p.m.-5:00p.m. Baseball vs. Valdosta State at Pirate Field

2:00p.m.-5:00p.m. Men's and Women's Tennis vs. USC Upstate at Pirate Tennis Complex

8:00p.m.-11:00p.m. Ebony Coalition Musical Showcase Party in Cafeteria

Sunday, March 5

9:00p.m.-4:00p.m. Savannah Fibers Guild Workshop in Fine Arts Room 203

10:00a.m.-2:00p.m. Women's Tennis vs. UNC Pembroke at Pirate Tennis Complex

2:00p.m.-5:00p.m. Baseball vs. Concord at Pirate Field

2:00p.m.-5:00p.m. Women's Tennis vs. Brenau at Pirate Tennis Complex

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answers.

Following the break, students met for the high-energy team ciphering round in the cafeteria.

At the announcer's go-ahead, each four-member team threw off the paper covering the question and began to crank out answers to challenges.

Quietly hunched over their papers with busy pencils and jumping legs, some students drew towering geometrical structures to help them answer mind-benders like, "Find the numbers in a regular 23-gon" before the buzzer sounded.

After the answer was shown on screen, ecstatic

high-fives and victory 'Yeses' broke the pre-buzzer silence.

"We enjoy having the students here and they seem to enjoy themselves," said Hoffman.

From their positive experience, Hoffman figures some of the 400 students attending will return to Armstrong for college just because they have been here and have had a nice idea of the campus.

One former math tournament participant-turned-AASU-student told chief organizer Dr. Dale Kilhefner that seeing Armstrong's ingenuity in the event led her to return to AASU for college.

She recalled the year she and other students waited

during scoring for the awards presentation when restless students began to toss paper airplanes around the room.

When she returned the following year, she saw how Armstrong's workers took the hint and transformed the long wait between scoring and awards into a paper airplane contest.

"I want to come where they take chaos and organize it," she told Dr. Kilhefner.

Recruitment happens, but Hoffman says the tournament's central goal is to promote mathematics.

And despite the test difficulty, Huguet praised the event.

"I can talk to anyone and have something in common to talk about," Huguet said.

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Lindsay Oldham, Michael Brumbley, Justin Lybarger, Ashley Horne, Curt Welch and Antonio Burks.

Also on the ballot were changes to amendments in the SGA Constitution.

Changes being voted on of the SGA Constitution were "Article I of the SGA Constitution should be amended to change the term 'Conduct Code' to 'Student Code of Conduct.'" This amendment changed passed with 463 voting yes and 89 voting no.

Next on the ballot was "Article II of the SGA Constitution should be amended to eliminate the unnecessary duplication of the term 'semester,' clarify the responsibilities of the Vice President and eliminate the reference to the new defunct 'Traffic Court'." 479 students voted yes and 66 voted no to the change.

Next, students voted that "Article III of the SGA Con-

stitution should be amended to delete a reference to a program no longer in existence (Developmental Studies), ensure uniform terminology, define excused absences and make senate seats open to all qualified students regardless of undergraduate classification or declared major." Changes to Article III passed with 499 students voting yes and 44 voting no.

"Article IV of the SGA Constitution should be amended to change the term 'Student Conduct Code' to 'Student Code of Conduct.'" Article IV passed with 477 students voting yes and 67 voting no, a different count from the same amendment to Article I.

"Article V of the SGA Constitution should be amended to clarify responsibility for CUB appointments and advisement, make position titles gender neutral and delete unnecessary references to divisional funding." Article V passed with 487 students voting yes and 59 voting no.

SGA Update

Chris Nowicki
News Editor

The Student Government Association of Armstrong Atlantic held its regularly meeting on Mon, Feb. 20.

At the meeting, Treasurer Erik Reid presented the 2006-2007 proposed budget for student activity funds.

Over \$600,000 was requested, but the finance committee had approximately \$550,000 to distribute to the different student activity organizations.

The senate approved the budget with no oppositions.

Dr. Katherine Bennett, Interim Director of Institutional Research at Armstrong spoke with SGA about what the department has going on and some statistics on its past studies.

Bennett discussed what the department does and how it collects its data and where it goes from there. She also explained the NSSE Survey they ask select freshman and graduating seniors take. Bennett spoke on the importance of the survey and urged anyone who receives the survey in their e-mail to please take time to complete it.

Bennett also presented some data from past surveys on how Armstrong Students feel how Armstrong places with other universities in the state and in the country.

According to the Bennett,

the data that her department collects reported that Armstrong students felt that Armstrong was more academically difficult than other universities in the state. Her information also showed how students feel that Armstrong provides students with the resources they need to succeed in their college experience and ranked higher in that area among other Georgia universities.

For more information on Institutional Research contact Dr. Katherine Bennett at bennetka@mail.armstrong.edu or (912) 927-5346.

Senator Jack Benton made a statement that Erik Reid candidate for SGA President and Laiken Williams candidate for SGA Secretary were in violations of the election code by using the Armstrong compass on its campaign material that it endorsed Armstrong to their campaign.

Benton asked that all campaign materials containing the compass be removed immediately.

Reid reported that Williams and himself had already removed all publications with the compass except for those at the Liberty Center because it was closed and those mailed to the residents at University Terrace and University Crossing. The senate voted that no more action would be taken again Reid and Williams and the meeting was adjourned.

AASU Participates in Moot Court

Chris Nowiki
News Editor

Armstrong students Brian Dotson, Adam Morrison, Nick Estridge and Megan Herbert participated in the American Collegiate Moot Court's Association National Undergraduate Competition.

The competition took place at the University of Texas at Arlington in January.

This national competition is where the top teams from across the country come to compete in moot court.

After the first day, AASU was ranked the 4th highest university out of 23 schools in terms of average team scores. Both teams from AASU competed against highly competitive universities.

AASU's Morrison was ranked 12th best orator out of over 120 people, barely missing the top 10 by two-tenths of a point. The top 10 orators that day won a scholarship to a law school in Texas. Morrison and Estridge advanced to the second day of competition, the round of 32.

The second and final day of



courtesy Becky De Cruz

American Collegiate Moot Court Association's National Undergraduate Competition.

competition, Morrison and Estridge competed against a team from Patrick Henry College. The team from AASU did not advance to the next round.

"This has been an enormous learning opportunity

for each of us and we look forward to the moot court sessions next year both at the regional level here at Armstrong and the national level," said Dotson. "What separates separates the high performers from the low

performers is experience not talent. Our experience, coupled with a newly created moot course in the fall will give us a complete advantage in next year's competition.

The team would like to

thank Dr. Kearnes, Professor da Cruz, Dr. Colas, and the lawyers who helped judge and prepare prior to the competition.

(Information courtesy Brian Dotson)

Faculty Computer Lab Moves

Jessica Rice
Staff Writer

Armstrong Atlantic State University has moved the staff and faculty computing lab to Solms Hall room 207.

The computing lab was moved from the Science Center room 135.

Most faculty members are equipped with personal computers in their offices. Staff members or part-time faculty that do not have offices at Armstrong use this lab. The lab also houses workshops.

Nancy Luke, Shannon Mastopoulos and Tracy Allen primarily coordinate these workshops. The lab can also be used to teach new computer programs or assist in staff projects.

It took approximately one week for the move to be completed.

Solms room 207 is not only now a faculty computer lab, it also still serves

as a classroom for students. The room is "first a classroom and transferred into a lab when needed." Peggy Wilson, the Degree Program Assistant from the office of Liberal Studies, said.

The lab was moved from the Science Center because of the lack of space in that building. Rearrangement of faculty offices left no place for a faculty support lab. Previously in the Science Center, the lab was only used as a computing lab for members of the faculty and staff. In Solms Hall room 207, the lab will always serve the dual purpose of classroom and faculty computer lab.

Students are not allowed into the computer lab unless they are taking a class in the room. Classes scheduled to take place in this room will never be interrupted or canceled due to the computer lab being needed by a workshop or project. The student computer lab is downstairs in Solms Hall.

Twentieth Annual Career Fair Held at Armstrong

Companies searching for students in all areas and at all levels of study

Jessica Rice
Staff Writer

67 companies and school systems participated in Armstrong Atlantic State University's twentieth annual career fair.

The job fair was held in the alumni arena on February 23, 2006. It began at noon and lasted until after 4 pm.

37 of the 67 booths came from school systems around the Georgia area. Martha McBride, the representative from the Jeff Davis Board of Education, said this was her first ever career fair. "We have several opening and are looking for strong graduates and Armstrong has very strong educational programs." McBride said. She also spoke with many qualified students and said she received contact information from them.

Drew Edmonds from the Jewish Educational Alliance looked for more than just students getting close to graduation. The JEA

was looking for responsible college students to be camp counselors, volleyball coaches or lifeguards. This fair was Edmonds' first at Armstrong, but he had attended many other job fairs before. "Others we have attended [at other universities] have been bigger, but this is a good variety." Edmonds also expressed his pleasure at the interest attendees expressed at his booth. "We have gotten a couple of interested applicants that seem qualified."

Jerry Gillian from the Georgia Department of corrections said, "We have found several good applicants we are very serious about having come in and interview." This event was only Gillian's second ever job fair and his first at Armstrong. "This was set up much more professionally than the last one I went to." Gillian said.

The small number of

students from the computer science programs at Armstrong disappointed the representative from Alera, Frank Malinowski. "I've had only one student from computing science to come by my booth." He said he was unaware if students from that program were not as informed about the job fair. He noticed the school system's booths and medical technology booths had more visits from students. He hoped more would come out next year, "In the Savannah area it is hard to know where the good tech companies are."

Erik Reid, student government association treasurer, volunteered at last year and this year's career fair. He said a little over 100 students came to this year's job fair. The turnout was slightly less than last year. He described the job fair as being "like speed dating for finding a career."

How Free is Our Speech?

Hosty v Carter in the Hands of US Supreme Court

Angela Mensing
Staff Writer

The US Supreme Court holds the future of public university students' First Amendment Rights in the palm of their hands.

On Feb. 17, the Justices will meet behind closed doors to debate whether or not to hear the Hosty v Carter case. They will announce their decision on Feb. 21.

Despite the significance of this case, there has been very little publicity in the media nationwide. It's imperative, however, to understand the background of Hosty v Carter in order to grasp what is at stake.

The Court's decision will affect more than just student journalists; it could very well affect all student activities on campus. According to The First Amendment Cen-

ter website, Mark Goodman, executive director of Student Press Law Center stated that "student newspapers are low on the list on campuses in terms of what will be impacted negatively by this ruling. It will be other student organizations that have less established history as public forums that will find themselves being censored."

HOSTY v CARTER HISTORY TIMELINE

Fall 2000 – Dean of Student Affairs and Services Patricia Carter of Governors State University (GSU) in Illinois halts further publication of GSU's collegiate newspaper ("Innovator") in response to stories, criticizing the administration.

Jan 2001 – Student journalists, Margaret Hosty, Jeni Porche and Steven Barba sue Carter and GSU for violating their First Amendment rights to free press.

Nov 2001 – A federal court allows suit against Dean Carter to move forward.

Early 2002 – GSU appeals, arguing the "1988 US Supreme Court ruling in 'Hazelwood v Kuhlmeier',

which allows high school administrators to review student publications before they are published, should be applied to university publications" (Student Press Law Center (SPLC) Report).

Jan 7, 2003 – A three-judge panel hears arguments.

Apr 10, 2003 – Seventh Circuit Appellate court rules in favor of college press rights

June 25, 2003 – Seventh Circuit court approves a petition to rehear the case filed by Attorney General (AG) Lisa Madigan.

Jan 8, 2004 – Seventh Circuit Court of Appeals hears en banc argument.

June 20, 2005 – The court rules 7-4 in favor of the university, dismissing claim of First Amendment violation.

Sep 2005 – Student journalists petition US Supreme Court to hear Hosty v Carter.

Oct 2005 – A group of 35 student and news media organizations led by SPLC file a brief urging US Supreme Court to consider case.

Dec 2005 – Illinois AG Madigan petitions Court to refuse hearing Hosty v Carter because "the case presents neither the context nor the issues deserving of Supreme Court consideration."

Staff Advisory Council Helps Abused Mothers and Kids

AASU begins spring project for the Savannah Area Family Emergency shelter

Chris Nowicki
News Writer

The Staff Advisory Council at Armstrong has kicked off its spring service project.

The council is collecting travel size personal hygiene items for the Savannah Area Family Emergency (S.A.F.E.) shelter.

With so much effort being put on the Katrina relief, the council does not want others to forget about their own neighbors right here in Savannah.

"With increased efforts towards to Katrina, we want to remember our own community and not overlook our own neighbors at home and their needs as well," said Amy Carter, Co-Chair of the Special Events Committee of the Staff Advisory Council.

Some of the items they are collecting are shampoo, soap, toothpaste, deodorant and lotion. The council will take these items and create hygiene kits for the S.A.F.E. shelter.

The shelter provides temporary assistance to victims of domestic violence and helps the victims receive assistance from law enforcement and financial institutions.

The shelter aims at the reduction of the level of domestic violence through preventive education, public speaking, educational services, increasing public awareness of domestic violence issues, supporting legislation designed to decrease domestic violence and political advocacy.

The shelter opened in 1980 and is busier than it

ever has been before. Today the shelter is serving over 5,000 victims a year just in the Savannah-Chatham County area and receives over 1,500 phone calls to its Crisis Line each year.

"As part of the Staff Advisory Council, it is our desire to begin a legacy of giving back," said Carter. "We can all help by whenever we go shopping to spend one or two extra dollars to help others and it not be too much of a burden."

Boxes for collecting the items will be around campus. Any members wishing to serve as building captains for this project should e-mail sac@mail.armstrong.edu.

For more information on this project, contact Amy Carter at (912) 927-5300 or Peggy Williams at (912) 927-5991.

Higher Education Act (HEA) Reform

Financial Aid for Students with History of Drug Conviction

Angela Mensing
Staff Writer

In 1998, Congress amended the 1965 Higher Education Act to include a drug provision ... a provision that has either delayed or denied financial aid to over 180,000 individuals with a past drug conviction.

Students with Sensible Drug Policy (SSDP) along with the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) and the Coalition for Higher Education Act Reform (CHEAR) have finally made some headway in getting Congress to amend the drug provision.

The goal of the coalition was to have the entire drug provision removed from HEA; however, the recent amendment now allows students with minor drug convictions dating back to pre-college days to receive financial aid if they meet the other eligibility requirements. If a student is arrested for drug possession or distribution while enrolled in a college or university, he or she will lose their financial aid for certain period of time, depending on the actual charge and how many prior convictions. President Bush signed the law the week of Feb. 6.

Lee Ann Kirkland, AASU's director of financial aid, said, "we have not had a large group of students affected" by the drug provision; however, she also pointed out that many financial aid applications were cut off at the Federal level prior to enrolling in Armstrong.

Kirkland has had students enroll after going through rehabilitation, but they had

to provide proof.

In a recent interview, Chris Mulligan, spokesperson for CHEAR, said the ACLU was getting ready to file a suit for the unconstitutional drug provision. Mulligan said, "we think the amendment is definitely a positive step in the right direction, but there will still be thousands of college students denied financial aid if they are caught with a joint."

One of the things CHEAR is working on is demonstrating how the various states are handling drug convictions in regards to financial aid.

According to Mulligan, "Georgia is undoubtedly the worst state in dealing with drug convictions and an individual's right to financial aid." Georgia's Drug-Free Postsecondary Education Act of 1990 (see O.C.G.A. 20-1-20) calls for suspension of "any student of a public educational institute" who is convicted of a felony drug offense including the "use of marijuana." The student would lose any academic credit earned during the term in which the conviction happened in addition to being denied all state financial aid from the date of conviction to the end of the enrolled semester.

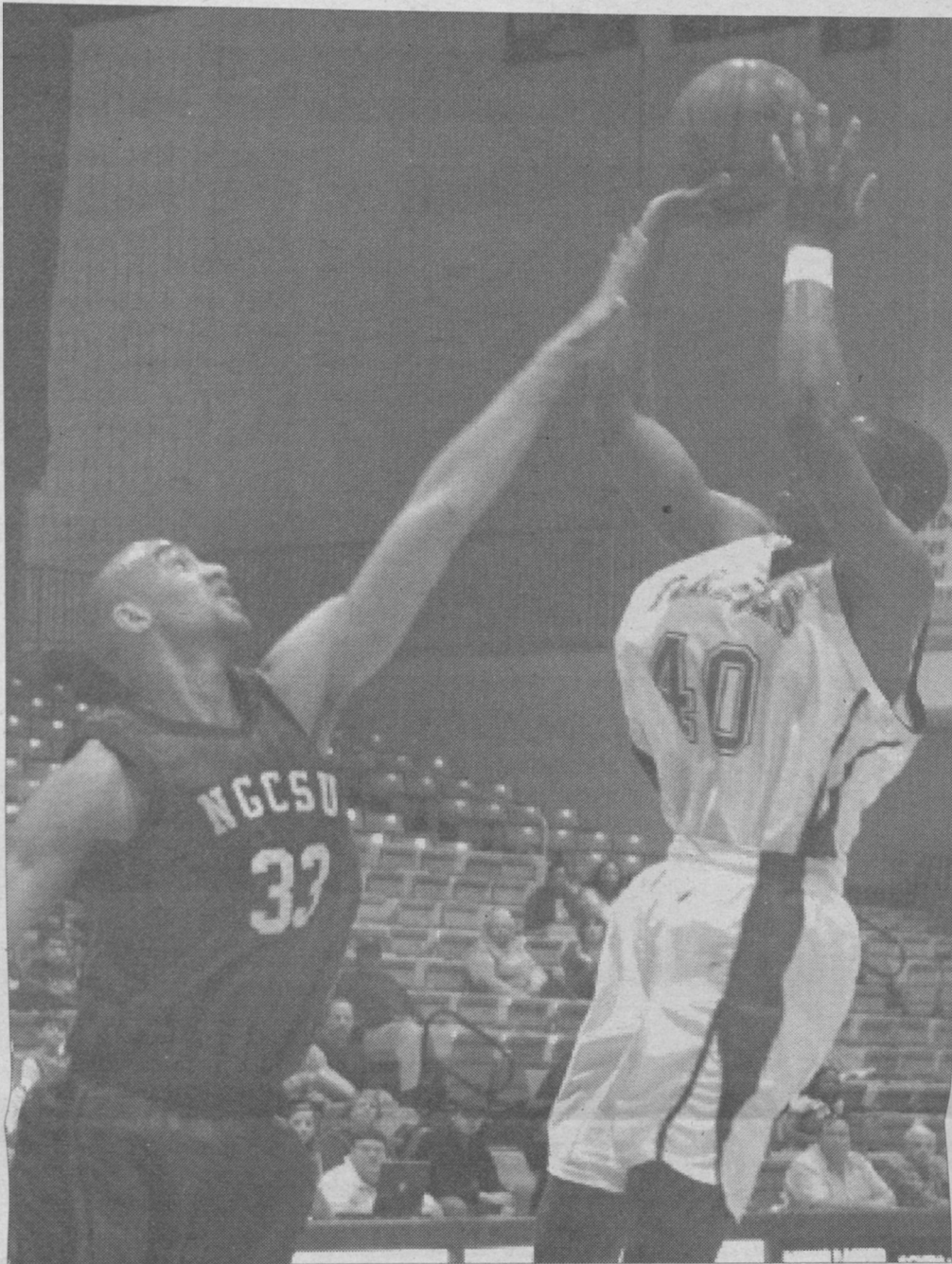
Georgia enacted the 1990 Act because of the "serious threat to the public health, safety and welfare and to the academic achievement of students" according to O.C.G.A. 20-1-21.

For more information on CHEAR, please visit www.raiseyourvoice.com.

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courtesy Erik O'Brien

Patrick Sanou shoots at close range

AASU Men Shake the PBC Standings

Jasmine Jones
Staff Writer

The Armstrong Atlantic men's basketball team overcame a poor shooting first half to beat first-place GC&SU, 57-50, causing havoc at the top of the PBC standings on Feb. 20 at Alumni Arena.

AASU (20-5, 14-4 PBC) shot just 23 percent in the first half, aiding the Bobcats (18-7, 15-4 PBC) to a seven-point halftime lead,

(27-20). The Pirates came out in the second half and held GC&SU to the same shooting performance in the second half, limiting the Bobcats to just seven field goals after intermission. AASU held the Bobcats scoreless for a six-minute stretch as the Pirates built a 40-34 advantage with the 12-0 run. From there the Pirates held on to the lead and walked out with a (57-50) win.

Senior Alex Carter led all scorers of the night with 17 points, nine rebounds on 7-of-14 shooting from the floor, while junior Bryan Taylor added a double-double with 11 points and 11 rebounds. Andre Smith came off the bench to lead three Bobcats in double figures with 14 points. Aaron Clark added 12 points and nine boards, while Ronnie Dennis chip in 10.

PBC Champs Down AASU

Jasmine Jones
Staff Writer

North Georgia handed Armstrong Atlantic State a 74-61 defeat on Senior Day at Alumni Arena Feb. 25. Though the Lady Pirates (15-12, 10-10 PBC) jumped out to a quick 12-4 lead on the Lady Saints (23-4, 19-1 PBC), North Georgia fought back to tie it at 17-all, then blasted to a 9-0 run to take control of the contest. The Lady Saints

took a six-point lead, 32-26, into intermission, then came out pushing the lead to double digits with a 7-0 run.

Katie Williamson led all scorers for the Lady Saints with 24 points, while Jenica Johnson came off the bench for 18 points. AASU was led by senior Audosha Kelley and freshman Lacey Willis, with both scoring 11 points. The Lady Pirates will enter the Peach Belt Tournament

as the No. 4 seed and they will face GC&SU on Thursday, March 2, at 3:00 p.m.

The game represented the final home games for AASU seniors Kelley, Alicia Durham and Abei Irowa for the women's team. Durham leaves AASU as the all-time games played leader in Lady Pirate basketball history. Kelley averaged 18.0 points per game in her two-year AASU career.

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by Parrish to have water problems, which would cause water to seep-up when they are playing. Earnshaw and assistant coach, Zsafia Golopencza, said that was an understatement. According to them, there are three or four courts with water underneath the surface that seeps out randomly in significant areas of the court such as the service box. This leakage is one reason Earnshaw says he made the decision to host matches at Bacon Park. He said he couldn't guarantee that there wouldn't be water on the courts.

The players definitely prefer the courts at Bacon Park, but according to men's tennis player, Cristian Easton, there are disadvantages. "We practice every day here [at AASU], so we don't feel like we are playing at home."

Aside from water problems, the courts have not been resurfaced for about seven and a half years. Generally, courts that withstand as much use as AASU's need to be resurfaced every two to three years.

Athletic Director, Dr. Eddie Aenchbacher said that it is important to keep up with the maintenance of the courts so that it doesn't lead to larger, more costly problems.

It may be too late for that according to Earnshaw. Resurfacing the courts will perhaps only prolong the inevitable need to rebuild the courts altogether. This project could cost the school somewhere between \$20 and \$30,000 per court, while the resurfacing job would roughly cost that altogether. Earnshaw fears that it will only be a year or two after resurfacing before some courts will need to be completely rebuilt.

The current condition of the courts causes many frustrations among the tennis players. "The ball moves faster than at the new courts," said Easton. Earnshaw said the larger problem is that "our balls lose integrity after the 1st set [and] start wobbling in the air." Players get new balls only for the 3rd set in college tennis, so this would definitely be a problem if AASU were hosting matches at home.

The tennis teams show no signs of slowing down

this season, despite having to practice on neglected courts. Earnshaw commented on the lack of recognition shown to them after winning national titles. "I don't know what you're supposed to do, but [do] something!"

Fortunately, the tennis players have remained loyal to AASU, but Earnshaw is very aware of the risk of losing them to schools that wouldn't take them for granted.

"The tennis program is treated very poorly by the athletic department and school in comparison to other sports teams at AASU. If the basketball court was cracked it would be fixed immediately," said Taavo Roos. "The basketball courts are resurfaced every year," said Easton.

They are not asking for state of the art locker rooms. They just want to be able to play home games at home. "It feels like every game is an away game. We don't have any home advantages," said Emmrich.

The teams practice an average of five hours per day with coaches and many times the players practice more at night. Though there are many lights missing and broken, making it difficult to see the ball at times, Davor Zink said it's not that big of a deal. He just wants to play on a descent court.

According to Aenchbacher, "they [the tennis teams] are not priority. They are only one group using the courts. The students are priority and should be complaining." He also said that one reason students haven't complained is that they have been that way for so long that many don't know the difference.

Four or five tennis classes a semester each with 20-30 students use the courts as well as other students and community members.

There is some good news for all who use AASU's tennis courts. A bid was awarded last week to resurface the courts. No answers were available as to when the job will begin, but Aenchbacher is hopeful that the process will start in the next month.

Senior Caroline Grage said she is disappointed about not being able to host matches at AASU in her last year. "How sad is that for the number 1 ranked team in the nation, and how embarrassing is that for the school?"

Blood, Sweat and Spit

Jarrell's Gym hosts boxing tournament

Emilie Tuminella
A&E Editor

Blood, sweat, and spit ricocheted off the bodies of boxers fatigued from fighting.

Jarrell's Gym hosted five different fights between men varying in weight class and experience.

DeLeon Tinsley at 200 pounds won the first round after the referee called the fight due to Sam Tillman's beaten eye wounds. It was the second fight that brought some humor in the ring as Larry "Super King" White pranced in the ring with a plastic crown and an ego to match his 235-pound body.

His opponent, Leonard Collier was less expressive but more comical when fighting in the ring. His approach with White was more reminiscent of the WWF instead of boxing. Needless to say, White won the fight after the referee called the fight.

The third fight between two lightweights was one of true skill and both Joseph Smith and Curt Brown punched equal amounts back and forth until the judges called

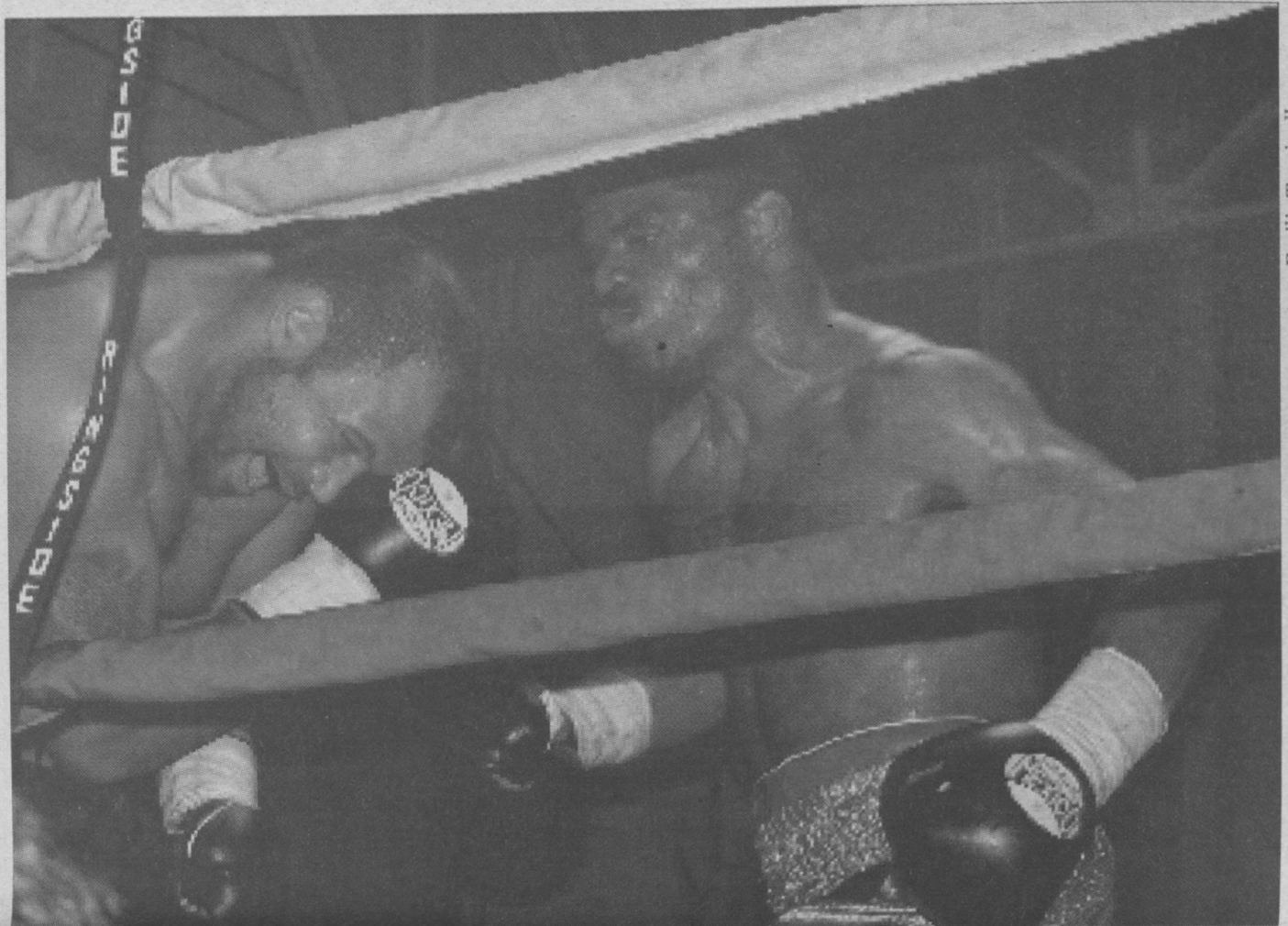
the winner. Barely passing by with a slight lead was Brown.

Johnny Brooks and Don "Marcus" Hall fought hard

but become fatigued during the fifth round. By the time the fight ended Hall won the fight, and egos clashed once Brooks found out he lost.

The main event, which brought out approximately a hundred people, was between Savannah's own "Stormin" Norman Jones

and his opponent Robert Marsh. The fight was stopped shortly before the tenth round as Jones went for the knockout but instead took home the victory.



"Stormin" Norman Jones beats his opponent Robert Marsh.

courtesy Emilie Tuminella

PBC Champs Down AASU

AASU Women 61, N. Ga 74

Jasmine Jones
Staff Writer

North Georgia handed Armstrong Atlantic State a 74-61 defeat on Senior Day at Alumni Arena Feb. 25. Though the Lady Pirates (15-12, 10-10 PBC) jumped out to a quick 12-4 lead on the Lady Saints (23-4, 19-1 PBC), North Georgia fought back to tie it at 17-all, then blasted to a 9-0 run to take control of the contest. The Lady Saints took a six-point lead, 32-26, into intermission, then came out pushing the lead to double digits with a 7-0 run.

Katie Williamson led all scorers for the Lady Saints with 24 points, while Jenica Johnson came off the bench for 18 points. AASU was led by senior Audosha Kelley and freshman Lacey Willis, with both scoring 11 points. The Lady Pirates will enter the Peach Belt Tournament as the No. 4 seed and

they will face GC&SU on Thursday, March 2, at 3:00 p.m.

The game represented the final home games for AASU seniors Kelley, Alicia Durham and Abei Irowa for the women's team. Durham leaves AASU as the all-time games played leader in Lady Pirate basketball history, playing in 118 games, and ranking in the top 10 in seven different categories, including ninth in points scored, seventh in rebounds, second in steals, fourth in assists, sixth in three-pointers made and fifth in free throws made. Savannah native Kelley averaged 18.0 points per game in her two-year AASU career, fourth all-time, while Irowa made her first collegiate start on Saturday night against the Lady Saints, scoring two points and blocking one shot.

Pirates Capture JU/Best Western Invitational Title

Chad Jackson
Special to the Inkwell

The Armstrong Atlantic State softball squad made its first tournament against DI competition a memorable one, as Deana Beaty's two-run home run sparked the Pirates to a 4-2 win over Southern Mississippi in the Championship game, giving AASU the title in the JU/Best Western Invitational in Jacksonville.

Head coach Ted Evans'

squad earned a berth in the Championship Game with two wins on Fri, Feb. 24, a 10-6 win over host Jacksonville University and an 8-7 win over Indiana-Fort Wayne, but had to face Southern Miss in the first game on Sat, Feb. 25.

Southern Miss took that contest, 4-0, entering the championship game as the top seed.

The Pirates (4-4) scored the first four runs of the

contest in the championship game and held on for the two-run win. Mandi Meador recorded a pair of hits and scored twice, and that plus Beaty's home run was enough to make a winner out of Rachel Koenig-Eng (3-1), who hurled a complete game for the victory. The win ended the Eagles' five-game win streak and capped off a weekend of the first-ever wins for the Pirates against DI competition.

Senior Day at Alumni Arena

Jasmine Jones
Staff Writer

Senior Day at Alumni Arena on Sat, Jan. 25 turned out to be a great one for the Armstrong Atlantic Men's basketball team.

The No. 15-ranked Armstrong Atlantic men (21-6, 15-5 PBC) held North Georgia (14-12, 10-10 PBC) to their lowest point total of the season at 49.

Their spark came from 6'11 sophomore Nick Bloemhof.

He came off the bench to score a career-high 18 points, leading the Pirates to the victory. Bloemhof, finished the night 7-of-14 from the floor, with two three-pointers. The Saints, playing without leading scorers Matt and Mark Causey, could only manage just 30 percent from the field and only 4-of-22 from three-point range. Mark Trust recorded a double-double with 14 points and 11 rebounds, while Buzz Wehunt added 11 points, but

the Pirates stretched a 33-24 halftime lead to 15 in the first five minutes of action, opening the second half on a 10-4 run.

The game represented the final home game for AASU senior Alex Carter. Carter played two seasons for the Pirates after transferring from Miami Dade College and has scored 626 points and recorded 325 rebounds in his career, reaching double figures in 34 of his 56 games as a Pirate.



Steve Connell and Sekou (the misfit)

Butt Sketches, Liquid Robots and Spoken Word

Robert Hall
Staff Writer

Visual and Performing Arts Committee (VAPAC) members Dana Robinson and Calvin Miller have had an incredibly busy month.

Earlier in the month, VAPAC brought to Armstrong The Original Butt Sketch Artist and Bam the Liquid Robot. On Feb. 23, they delivered Spoken Word Artists Steve Connell and Sekou the Misfit.

Connell and Sekou are two very accomplished performance artist and poets. They have worked on Russell Simmons "Def Poetry" on HBO and Norman Lear's Declare Yourself-Voting Tour. Also, Connell and Sekou were distinguished guests among the who's who of the entertainment world at Oprah Winfrey's celebration of Maya Angelou's 75th birthday. Their work spans beyond the barriers of race, politics, culture and overall prejudices that sadly encompass our world. The message they evoke to their audience is that no matter who you are, what you believe in or how you live, the lifestyles are "all good."

Their series of poems included "Hallmark" and "Impossible" as well as several question and answer sessions with the attendees.

After the show, Steve and Sekou stuck around for about an hour and sold CDs and signed autographs for the fans. They thanked Armstrong for having them and for coming out to the show.

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Truth in Words: Love and hate coilide

Emilie Tuminella
A&E Editor

"Music speaks for those who are unspoken for" -- Jurassic 5.

If that's true, what would poetry do?

On Feb. 23 Armstrong students felt the impact of words without music. Steve Connell and Sekou (the misfit) let loose their own inhibitions as they tore through the audience to reach the stage.

The introduction of their performance made the crowd interact. With their series of questions in regards to "What do you believe," they asked the audience their preferences from "wine or beer" to "conservative or liberal." The audience answered these questions, which differed throughout

the echoes in the room.

However, it was when the poets began to recite their tales of love, hate, and perceptions of the world that the crowd fell silent. Connell said in a poem written for a friend's wedding, "Let the rose petals touch your feet as you walk down the isle, shoes only get in the way, and when we have our house let us plant a rose bush so everyday I can feel them too."

The love or the hope was felt among the crowd and afterward the crowd sighed with an, "awwwwh". However, Sekou switched the feeling with his poem, "a love poem called I hate." After saying a series of anaphora's in regards to a beige Jeep Grand Cherokee, he finished his poem about the hate he felt from

a past relationship by saying, "beneath the love, I do hate you!"

The dynamic between these two poets is undeniable. Connell said, "I've been looking for someone like him for 28 years." It is fortunate for the two that they found a universal love through poetry and that they can share their words with the few who choose to listen.

A cliché they chose, "If you can't

stand the heat get out of the kitchen," still has a solution in their minds: It can always get hotter and at least you can get water.



Connell and Sekou speak the truth.

Local Artists Show in Starland

Lindsey Estep
Staff Writer

The Starland Gallery, located at 2428 Bull St. in the up and coming Starland District, hosted a Black Heritage Festival Exhibition in conjunction with the 17th Annual Black Heritage Festival.

Black artists provided the exhibition pieces, which they created using a variety of media.

Charley Palmer was the featured artist this year. He created his piece, "Sorrow is a fruit" (pictured) using a mix media of acrylic and marbled papers. Palmer said, in his artist profile, "I have discovered that my work

is most successful when I allow the experience to happen, and not control it."

The largest and most vibrantly colored piece was by artist Amiri Farris. His piece entitled "Us Boys" is created with acrylic, and it hangs in the center of the gallery. Farris is a graduate of Savannah College of Arts and Design, and he is a Fine Arts professor at Georgia Southern University.

Other contributing artists include several professors of art, as well as some self-taught artists. The exhibit ran from Feb. 3-24. The next exhibit at the Starland Gallery is a photography show that opens Fri, Mar. 3.

Peer into Art

Juried Art Exhibition in the Fine Arts Gallery

Amanda Thomas
Staff Writer

The Department of Art, Music and Theatre are presenting the annual Student Juried Art Exhibition in the AASU Fine Arts Gallery Feb. 27-March 16.

Students in the art department entered up to three pieces of artwork in six categories: painting and drawing, ceramic and sculpture, fiber, printmaking, photography and mixed media. The

Student requirement for the show is that the artwork must be created in class within the last two years.

A panel of judges chosen by faculty members who hold a Master's in Fine Arts will judge the artwork separately in each category. Prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place in each category along with six honorable mentions.

The Fine Arts Gallery will be open from 9 a.m. - 5 p.m. weekdays for students and the public for viewing.



"Us Boys" Amiri Farris

courtesy Lindsey Estep

Indulge Your Inner Rock Star

Local musicians are recorded at Sentient Bean

Pat Hamilton
Staff Writer

Ever wanted to know what you sound like when you sing? The Sentient Bean is now hosting weekly open mic sessions with the chance to buy a recording of your own performance.

The Sunday night events are the brainchild of local musician Jonie Blinman. A California native, Blinman came up with the idea as a way for local musicians to interact and support each other.

"I really just wanted to do this to get the community involved in local music," she said. "There really seems to be a desire for good local talent."

The open mic starts with performers signing onto a slot list, and then performing in that order. The very first session, on Feb 26, saw 11 musicians sign up. The allotted time for each is 15 minutes. All kinds of musical styles are welcome, and both originals and covers are acceptable.

In addition to local talent, each open mic will have a featured artist. These performers are given slightly longer



Jonie Blinman records music for local musicians.

time slots.

Each performance is recorded by Blinman, and can be purchased by the artist

for three dollars. The songs can either be bought in CD format and bought at the next open mic session, or

courtesy Erik O'Brien

sent via e-mail. There will also be a quarterly compilation album, featuring a wide variety of open mic performers.

Blinman also hopes to further community involvement by hosting periodic contests.

"I'd like to get some local sponsorship for contests, and possibly some local radio exposure. I think it would be a good way to get the community involved."

For further information, Blinman can be contacted either through the Sentient Bean's website at www.sentientbean.com, or through her page at www.myspace.com/jonieblinman.

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FEBRUARY 27-MARCH 16: "Peer into Art" the Student Juried Art Show will be up in the Fine Arts Gallery

MARCH 1- Reception for the Jury Art Show at noon

MARCH 2- Savannah's own African American Dance Troupe; Sankofa will perform beginning at 7:30p.m. at the DeSoto Hilton downtown for the Women's studies conference

Karen White and Stephanie Roberts, "Kicking ass and Taking names: Possibilities for women in Popular Culture at 3:45-4:45 in the Lafayette room at the DeSoto Hilton

MARCH 3- Tour the studios of three Savannah women artists at 1 p.m. Meet at the registration desk-advanced registration required

MARCH 7- Savannah Winds: Community Wind Ensemble in Residence at AASU at 7:30p.m. in the Fine Arts Auditorium

MARCH 9-11: "Starting Monday" a student production showing at the Black Box Theatre

MARCH 18- "Bela Fleck and The Flecktones" performing live for \$10 at the Trustees on Broughton Street downtown Savannah starting at 9:00p.m.

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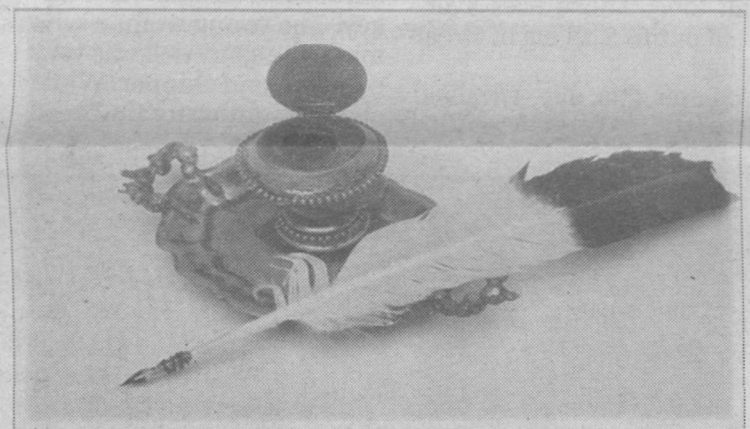
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Bad Taste in my Mouth

Karen White
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I love it when I pay high prices for a service, only to be treated like a thief.

Last week, I spent \$9.51 in the cafeteria. Less than \$10 sounds like a small amount for lunches, until one realizes that I only visited the cafeteria twice and with the sum I received insults, or heard others insulted for their food choices or appearance.

On Tuesday, I ordered a freshly prepared grilled chicken sandwich with a side order of fries. The sandwich costs \$3.69, more expensive than area restaurants. The chicken was precooked and barely warmed; the breast was less than half the size of the bun. My order of fries, priced at \$1.19, consisted of 9 french fries, crinkle cut and less than an inch and a half long. Those fries averaged out to \$.13 each. Great value!

Later that day, I walked into the cafeteria with a

friend so that she could purchase a late lunch. She deliberated over a bag of chips and a sandwich, grabbed both, and then headed for the register. At the register, she decided to put back the chips, opting for the sandwich by itself. I was holding a half-gone diet Cherry Coke, which, incidentally, the cafeteria did not have in their coolers that day. First, the cashier harshly asked my friend why she put back the chips. My friend explained that she did not want to eat both items. The cashier then loudly asked, "Are you sure it isn't because you don't have enough money?" She then turned to me and angrily asked, "Did you take that soda from here." Take, not buy.

Thursday, I returned to the cafeteria to buy a sandwich. I am a big fan of BLTs: bacon, lettuce and tomato – not turkey. The young woman who made the sandwich was very pleasant and chipper. While she was waiting for the bread

to toast, Jim Thompson, the man who runs the cafeteria, came down to discuss scheduling with his employees. After his conversation, he noticed the ham on the bar was bunched, and he told the two student workers that they should spread the ham out. He then took a knife encrusted with mayonnaise, lettuce and unidentifiable bits of food and speared the ham to spread it out. He then stuck the knife back on the bar, shining from where the old food had stuck to the ham. Not only is that just plain gross, it is cross contamination of food and could cause food poisoning or allergic reactions.

After witnessing this action, I headed for the cashier to pay for my BLT. The sandwich was in a clear to-go container. The cashier was the same woman who had accosted my friend earlier in the week. She frowned at me and asked what I had ordered. I told her it was a BLT, and she asked,

"Are you sure you haven't tried to sneak some turkey on that sandwich?" Again, she insinuated, in public, in front of my peers, that she suspected me of thievery. When I told her that I had a BLT (bacon, lettuce and tomato), she again asked, "Are you sure?"

Another student mentioned an issue with the same cashier. She had gone in to purchase a hamburger and fries. Her burger was a good size, but she got eight fries for her \$1.19. She then went to pay for her food, when the cashier made comments about her appearance, saying, "I wish I could be a fly on the wall when you have kids and they want piercings and tattoos." This student, by the way, has no piercings and no tattoos. Her reply was, "I don't plan on having kids." The cashier then said, "Of course you will; all ladies have kids."

I have some suggestions to take care of this laundry list of problems.

First, portions should be consistent. Also, the administration of the cafeteria should make efforts to train their staff about cross contamination and the dangers of food poisoning.

As for the issue with stealing, I understand that some

people do try to sneak food from the cafeteria. However, I am not one of these people. In the case of to-go food, grease-pencils are a great tool for writing exactly what is in the box on the box. That way, the cashier doesn't have to feel the need to accuse people who are already overpaying for their food.

As for the general rudeness and comments about appearance and financial security, I think consistent training is in order. Offending your customer base is bad business.

Finally, I will no longer be eating in the cafeteria. Instead, I will take advantage of area merchants within walking distance. The food is fresher and less expensive. Furthermore, many of the area restaurants are quick and offer take-out. I urge students who are fed up with the service and pricing of on-campus food to take advantage of area restaurants. For those who have meal plans, perhaps AASU can institute the same service used by other colleges – the ability to use dining plans off campus for area pizza delivery, fast-food restaurants and locally owned restaurants who depend on campus business, restaurants such as Hirano's and the Billiard Club.

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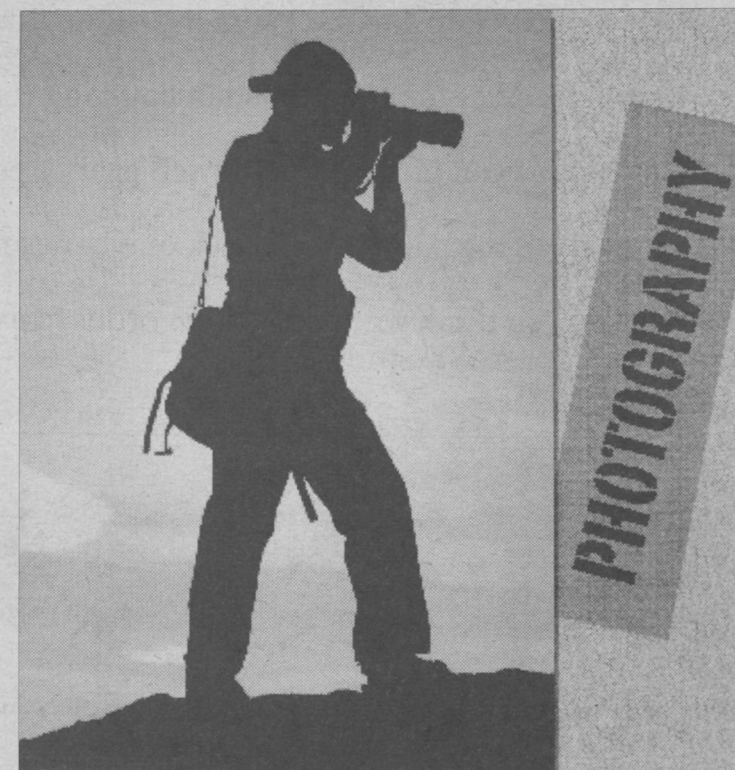
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Living Healthfully on Campus

Jennifer McDonald
Columnist

How can a busy student make time to eat right?

There are so many healthy options on campus that many students are not aware of. The vending machines at the end of the halls are not the only quick sources of food. When you think of a typical college cafeteria you think of unhealthy, greasy items. But, the cafeteria at Armstrong offers a salad bar, sandwich bar and fresh fruit. All of these items can be quick and portable, especially the fruit.

The vending machines do not offer nutritious or filling items. Most of these snacks are loaded with fat, calories, sodium and sugar. For example, the honey buns in our vending machines have 580 calories, 28 grams of fat and 39 grams of sugar. You would have to walk about eight miles just to burn off that many calories. The foods eaten during the school day should contain more protein and fiber. These are the nutrients that make you feel full and keep you from getting hungry again after an hour. High sugar foods are burned quickly in the body and do not give you a lasting fullness.

The salad bar can be a

great way to eat nutritiously while on the go. Salads can be prepared quickly in to-go boxes. One key issue is to watch out for the salad bar extras which pack on the calories and fat. All of the vegetables are healthy and contain essential vitamins and nutrients. But, if you smother your salad in cheese, croutons, bacon bits and high fat dressing, you defeat the purpose of eating a healthful meal. By adding just two tablespoons of each those four ingredients, you are adding about 475 calories and 37 grams of fat. This salad just became more fattening than the honey bun. If you want to add the extras, then go lightly. Also, try fat free salad dressings, lemon juice or vinegar on your salad. It is important to use the dressings to flavor, not drown your salad.

The sandwich bar can also be a healthy meal on the go. Choose meats that are lower in fat, such as chicken and turkey. Keep high calorie dressings and mayonnaise to a minimum. Add fresh vegetables and even fruits to make your sandwich more nutritious. Go for the thin sliced bread rather than the larger sub roll. These simple steps can make a big difference in your life in terms of your health, energy and waistline.

Dispatches from a Young Curmudgeon

The more the University changes, the more funding stays the same

Jeremy Windus
Columnist

In 2005-2006, the Student Government Association (SGA) allocated \$145,000 to the Campus Union Board (CUB), SGA's programming body.

SGA itself was endowed with \$536,000; this comes from mandatory Student Activity Fees. CUB is responsible for concerts, magicians, comedians and other activities designed for the University. Let's look at some highlights of CUB's last calendar year.

We had "Trucker Hat Cartoons" back in January 2005. John Zaffis, who apparently 'ain't afraid of no ghosts' brought his peculiar style of hunting the undead during a lecture given in April. Wayne Hoffman showed us how to "Expect the Unexpected and Live the Impossible" in his lecture. Finally, the truly unfortunately named Jonathan Sprinkles presented "L.I.V.E. like a Real Leader."

Can we agree that it is highly unlikely any significant portion of the class benefited from these activi-

ties? The question at hand, therefore, is where blame for unpopular programming belongs. CUB may have been relevant in the past, but with the growth the University has experienced in the last 5 years, it seems important for SGA to grow and adapt as well.

It is not necessarily CUB's fault, either.

Although the programs seem out of touch, there is also the problem of disinterest. The simple and ugly truth is that many students don't care about on-campus activities. As a primarily commuter campus, attracting students is no easy task. No amount of surveying or advertising is going to change reality.

At the same time, there has been a tremendous boom in creation and popularity in student organizations. With groups like the College Republicans, Anime Club, Karate Club, French Club, the wealth of professional organizations (American Chemical Society and the

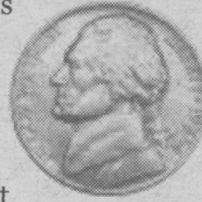
like) as well as the large influx of fraternities and sororities, it seems logical to conclude that SGA and CUB now no longer hold a monopoly on

student entertainment. Student organizations already have de facto control over campus programming; why fight it?

Low turnout and student disinterest has always plagued CUB-sponsored events. What we have here is a logical solution: why can't Student Activity Fees sponsor student organizations instead of CUB? Why can't Student Activity Fees pay for student activities?

If half of CUB's funding were reallocated, we could easily fully fund almost all student organizations.

If students aren't interested in CUB-sponsored events, the money should go to places students care about: the organizations which they've already formed and in which they have invested their own time and money.



The Youth and Beauty Brigade: On Drinkin' Dat Moonshine with Cousin Bubba

Kevin Diass
Humor Columnist

Many exuberant underage drinkers know by now that the city of Savannah, GA totally sucks.

It totally sucks because clubs, venues and other proud establishments that have been serving alcohol to overanxious 15 year-olds are now prohibited from admitting persons under the age of 21. Indignant cries of outrage and sobriety have been filling the streets of Savannah ever since this, according to one unidentified student, "totally lame-ass" law came to fruition.

The immediate effects are

already being seen: The fake I.D. business is booming, sales of specialized stamps and Sharpies that clubs use have gone through the roof. But what exactly does this mean for those of us under 21? Well, it basically means you're screwed. And not just a little screwed. Majorly screwed. Screwed like a hooker on 35th street and Bull.

This isn't the first time Savannah has done something borderline profoundly retarded to curb underage drunkenness. However, it IS the first time club owners are actually listening; maybe it's the enormous fines being levied against them for the

sale of alcohol to minors.

The obvious catalyst to this new law is obviously that the congressmen and women of Georgia really are concerned about the welfare of our youth. That theory falls apart though when you consider the massive budget cuts facing public schools and scholarship programs for underprivileged—but promising—children. Georgia is in the Bible Belt. That has more to do with this than you'd think. Pressure from the God-fearing, church-going, grape-juice-instead-of-wine-at-communion right wing wackjobs is forcing this law to become a reality because without that

key demographic of people that blindly follow whatever they're told as long as you say one Bible verse along with it (excluding, of course, verses from books that appear only in the Catholic Bible) the state's government would have eaten its own head a long time ago.

The Bible Belt gets a little looser on other issues (gun control, perhaps, or maybe that finicky thing we call "equal opportunity") as long as they don't threaten the control exercised over the actions of youth.

And I know it's trite to say, but really, kids will do what they want somehow or other. I mean, when I was

13 I stole a car, kidnapped my first ex-girlfriend bought some heroin and went cow tipping. Cow tipping is still very much illegal, in case you didn't know, but I don't think this new 21+ rule will last like the anti-cow tipping ordinances. Cows are more important than the drought of PBR, and hey, now that I can't go OUT and get wasted I just have to get wasted home and THEN go out. Considered this way, wouldn't you rather at least be sober in public for a few minutes, rather than none at all? (Note to readers: Don't actually answer that last question—the truth is scary sometimes.)

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